



PFOA Contamination Southern New Hampshire Weekly Update

June 10, 2016

NHDES is issuing these weekly email updates during our ongoing investigation into perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and other PFCs in southern New Hampshire drinking water. These updates will also be posted on our website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm>

Press Releases

June 10, 2016 - Public Information Meeting – Southern N.H. PFC Investigation

NHDES and NHDHHS to Provide Update on Ongoing Investigation of Perfluorochemicals Found in Southern N.H. Drinking Water

Concord, NH - The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and the Department of Health and Human Services (NHDHHS) invite the public to a Public Information Meeting to hear an update on the ongoing investigation of the presence of perfluorochemicals (perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS)) in southern N.H. drinking water. The meeting is open to residents from any of the affected towns.

Meeting Information:

Merrimack:

Wednesday, June 29, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

James Mastricola Upper Elementary School all-purpose room
26 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack, NH 03054

For more information on the investigation please refer to the NHDES PFOA investigation webpage:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm>. The public is requested to direct their inquiries to the PFOA Public Inquiry Line at 603 271-9461. Members of the press are requested to direct their inquiries to Jim Martin, NHDES Public Information Officer, at 603 271-3710.

Private Well Sampling

On May 31, 2016, NHDES established an Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA, 70 ppt for PFOS and 70 ppt for PFOA and PFOS combined. NHDES has received some initial sampling results from Amherst and near the former Merrimack Landfill. Also, NHDES has added the former LL&S Landfill location to the table.

	SAINT-GOBAIN AREA	TCI AMHERST	FORMER MERRIMACK LANDFILL	FORMER LL&S LANDFILL	TCI MANCHESTER
WELLS SAMPLED	553	162	64	5	2
RESULTS RECEIVED	419	41	18	0	2
≥70	149	4	0	0	0

SCHEDULED	15	6	2	5	

To view the current maps for all of these locations, please visit:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm>

Additional Testing Efforts

On behalf of NHDES, Sanborn, Head & Associates, Inc. collected groundwater samples from nine monitoring wells on April 13 through 15, 2016 near the former Longa landfill in Merrimack. Four of the monitoring wells were located at the Longa Disposal Area Site, and five monitoring wells were located adjacent to the site near the Merrimack Village District (MVD) production wells MVD-4 and MVD-5. The nine samples showed combined concentrations of PFOA and PFOS ranging from 31 ppt to 148.7 ppt, including five samples above the N.H. Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard of 70 ppt.

Public Water System Test Results

Results are available here (note results include both PFOA and PFOS):

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-public-water-results-20160603.pdf>

Bottled Water Delivery/Availability

If you are eligible (see complete list at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-bottledwaterareas-20160610.pdf>) and have not received delivery of bottled water or have questions about receiving bottled water, please contact Andy Fulton, NHDES at (603) 271-7376 (for Bottled Water Inquiries Only).

Public Meeting Presentations

A copy of the NHDES presentation at the June 2, public information meeting in Bedford has been posted here:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-bedford-publicmtg-20160602.pdf>

Upcoming Public Information Meetings

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Public Inquiries

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